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NOW HARVESTED BY MACHINERY

One of the Hardest Features of Corn Raising Eliminated by New Machinery.

A perfected type of a corn harvesting machine which does the work of from fourteen to over twenty men is now on the Owosso market and is daily proving its value. It was the privilege of a representative of THE TIMES in company with a few others to witness the work of one of these new machines Monday in heavy green corn, seven to nine feet in height. The machine is the McCormick vertical corn binder, and the one observed Monday is the first one put out this season, sold by Crowe & Payne to Mr. Mason Getman for use on the farm owned by Mrs. L. A. Partridge, commonly called the Getman farm, north of the city.

Some fifteen acres of drilled corn in rows about two feet apart are now being cut, a ton or two at a time, and taken to the barn where it is run through a feed cutter and dropped into the basement below to be used to supplement the pasture in feeding the thirty-eight cows now being milked on the farm. Through these circumstances which make considerable work necessary in cutting corn for feed, Crowe & Payne have been most fortunate in getting one of the improved McCormick upright corn harvesters into practical operation fully a month before the regular corn harvest begins.

In general appearance the machine is considerably smaller than a reaper and binder, and seems to be remarkably compact and strong. The width is scarcely greater than that of a mower without the cutting bar, and the knives are between the lines of the wheels. The team and machine is driven on the left of the row of corn to be cut, the off horse brushing against the row and the right wheel of the machine, passing between the row of stumps just cut some two feet ahead of it, and the standing row of corn to the right. However, there is no side draft from this arrangement since the left wheel alone is the driving wheel, doing all the work of running the machine, and hence shifting the draft practically in line with itself and directly behind the horses in the line in which they are going. The driver sits at the left and in front of the large wheel.

One of the principal features of the machine is the two long elevator prongs running up from near the ground at the front at an angle of about forty-five degrees to a height of six or seven feet in the back. The points of these prongs pass on either side of the row of corn to be cut and are capable of being raised or lowered instantly to accommodate the machine to the condition of the corn. At the lowest point it will pick up any corn no matter how badly lodged. An endless chain with long teeth, on either prong keep the stalks standing in an upright position until they reach the knives, two V shaped stationary knives with a single cutting knife plying between them. Just as they get to the knives the stalks are seized by the teeth of four more chains, two above and the others below the longest ones, and the six carry them back parallel to each other and in a perpendicular position along the trough to the floor on which they stand to be tied into bundles, after being firmly pressed together by the packing fingers.

The floor on which the stalks stand and the trough leading to it have a patented device which adds wonderfully to the usefulness of the machine, as by a lever within easy reach of the driver it is instantly elevated or depressed to accommodate itself to high or very low corn, the latter of which could not be bound securely but for this arrangement. After being bound the bundle falls into a carrier which holds three bundles and is then tripped by a lever operated by the foot of the driver. Another great advantage of the floor and the upright position of stalks is that by this method the butts of the stalks are all even when tied up and the bundle thereby is made easy to handle and easy to stand up.

The amount of corn that can be cut varies with circumstances, of course, but seven acres for a man with a team of two horses is a low estimate, which under favorable conditions, should be raised to ten or more acres. Any farmer who knows the average amount of land gotten over by the ordinary farm hand can easily see where he can save largely on his corn harvest besides getting it cut early enough to draw into his barnyard before the fall rains make his fields almost impassable.

To say that the above machine now in operation on the Getman farm is an unqualified success would be putting it very mildly and both Mr. George M. Grahame, the company's block agent, and Messrs. Crowe & Payne, local agents, have every reason to be well satisfied with the showing made. Mr.

Grahame took Photographer Welte out to the farm Monday and had several pictures taken showing the machine at work in the high corn.

Crowe & Payne expect to put out fully twenty-five of these machines before the corn harvest is over, and that they can do it the following from the state agent of the McCormick company will go far to convince all. A short time ago after reporting the sale of one hundred four grain and grass machines during the season the state agent informed them that while one other agency had sold a few more machines, yet when the territory in which each operated was considered the Owosso firm had carried off the banner.

Among those who have already used one of the McCormick corn harvesters on their farms in this county one or more seasons are Odell Chapman, E. Eveleth, Hook Brothers, Abraham Snider and Fred Mout and altho the new machine has advantages not offered by the earlier models all were well satisfied with them, a fact which foretells unprecedented success with the improved model. Crowe & Payne have already received a car load of the new corn harvesters which are being rapidly set up by McCormick experts sent out for the purpose.

Mellen-Lusk.

The home of Mrs. Jane Lusk, 209 North Elm street, was the scene of a pretty home wedding yesterday afternoon, August 3, when Miss Flora Lusk was united in marriage with Mr. Adolph Mellen, of Walla Walla, Washington, Rev. John Sweet officiating.

The decorations were in pink and white and were in perfect harmony. Sweet peas of the above colors were intertwined with smilax in pretty profusion while an arch of the same material rose over the pair as they stood on a white rug in the bay window. The bride wore a dress of pearl gray silk mull. The ring service was used, Miss Marguerite Hookway carrying the ring. After the ceremony and when congratulations had been extended a wedding dinner was served, a number of the young lady friends of the bride assisting.

The bride received many fine presents which testified to the esteem in which she is held by her friends. She has acted as cashier and bookkeeper for Hookway & Son for several years and is well known throughout the city. Mr. Mellen is a business man of Walla Walla, Washington.

Just before train time the Junior Band appeared on the scene, and requesting Mr. and Mrs. Mellen to wait for the ten o'clock train, they proceeded to serenade them. After the serenade refreshments were served on the lawn. It was a very pretty parting tribute to the esteem in which the bride is held.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellen left on the ten o'clock train for London, Ontario, for a short visit. They will soon go to Washington to reside.

Pond & Hamper, Attorneys.

Van Ransst Pond and Charles M. Hamper have formed a law partnership and will hereafter do business under the above name, having signed articles of co-partnership on Tuesday of this week, August 1st. They will continue to have their offices in the Williams block 111 North Washington street when Mr. Pond has had his office for the last three years and Mr. Hamper for nearly two years.

Mr. Pond is a lawyer of eleven years standing and is recognized for ability and for careful, conscientious work. He is already regarded as one of the reliable party workers among republican ranks in Shiawassee, where he did good service in the last campaign. He is also prominent in social and in Masonic circles. Mr. Hamper has allowed his political inclinations to take him along the route of the free silver democracy but is recognized as an energetic worker in that party. He is equally energetic in his legal work. The friends of both men wish them the best of success under the new arrangement.

CHANGE OF DATE.

Farmers' Picnic to be Held August 16th Instead of 15th.

Mr. E. J. Cook, president of the county association of farmers' clubs, informed THE TIMES this morning that the date of the county farmers' picnic had been changed to Saturday, August 12, instead of Wednesday, August 16, as has been advertised. This change has been thought advisable for several reasons. There is to be one excursion to Detroit on the 16th and another to the Agricultural College at Lansing. An additional reason, moreover, is that Prof. A. J. Cook, of California agricultural college, who is well known to many Shiawassee people and is now visiting in the county, cannot be here on the 16th but will be present on the 12th, next week Saturday. Inasmuch as one of the chief inducements for many people to attend would be the fact that they would have an opportunity to meet and hear Prof. Cook again, the change is undoubtedly a good one.

Examination for Annapolis.

As a competitive examination for appointment to Annapolis as a naval cadet is to be held in Saginaw next week Thursday a few points about the requirements for admission to the United States naval academy and the work there will not be entirely out of place.

In the first place the competitive examination does not insure the successful youth a course at Annapolis but is merely the method taken by most congressmen whereby every boy in their respective districts may have a chance for the appointment. After the examining board invited by the congressman to conduct the examination has decided on the youth who has passed the most creditable examination the successful youth is formally nominated by the congressman as a cadet, and must then present himself at the naval academy at Annapolis for his entrance examinations which are held in May and September of each year. If he succeeds in passing this examination he is duly admitted to the academy after depositing two hundred dollars to cover the cost of his outfit and signing an agreement to serve in the United States navy for eight years unless sooner discharged. His pay while a cadet is five hundred dollars a year, out of which he has to pay his subsistence, board, etc., and buy his own clothing. He is furnished transportation when on furlough besides his pay.

The examination while severe need not frighten any healthy, well built youth who has not shirked his school work too badly. The competitive examination being modeled as nearly as possible after the entrance examination the statements concerning the latter will serve for both. Physically the successful youth must be of a robust constitution, of suitable height, free from physical defects and between fifteen and twenty of age. His hearing must be perfect, his eyesight unimpaired, lungs and heart perfectly sound. The mental examination will cover English grammar, geography, United States history, arithmetic, and algebra as far as equations of the first degree.

The course which the successful youth will find stretching out before him covers six years, the first four of which are taken up by academic studies with a three months cruise every summer except one when the 2nd class men have their cruise cut one month shorter by shop work. During these four years the cadet will study English, history, French, Spanish or German, algebra, geometry both descriptive and analytical, trigonometry, calculus, mechanics, physics, astronomy, chemistry, mechanical drawing, seamanship. During the last year of the four he will have a larger assortment of technical studies. The course is conducted by daily oral recitations, and monthly, semi-annual and annual written examinations. Those found deficient at any of the semi-annual examinations are dropped. Besides these studies the cadets are taught seamanship, the management of sail and row boats and power launches, signalling, gun drills, marksmanship, navigation, surveying, shop work, the care of engines, fencing, bayonet drill, boxing, swimming, dancing, etc. The academy library contains over 32,000 volumes.

At the end of the four years the members of the graduating class go on a two years practice cruise at the end of which time they return to Annapolis for their final examination after which the successful cadets are given their commissions and enter the navy proper.

When the above facts are taken into consideration there is no wonder that the American boy should do his best to avail himself of such an opportunity. It is to be regretted, however, that the time for preparing for the examinations are so short but the boy who can pass a high competitive examination should be able to pass the September examination with credit by diligent study.

North-West Middlebury.

D. Snyder was in St. Johns, Sunday, to see his sister who is very ill—Walter Bartlett and wife and E. Stanton were at Round Lake, Saturday—Mae Field spent Sunday in Ovid—Mrs. T. Marvin visited her mother, who is quite ill, Sunday—A party composed of D. Hild, George Lake, G. Smith, V. Walworth, Frank Patrick and their wives, also E. Patrick and daughter, Stella, picnicked at Round Lake last Thursday—Herbert Fuller and family spent Sunday at D. Snyder's—Mr. L. C. Van Dyne was at Tom Hayes' in Ovid last Thursday.

Mich. Cent. will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, limit Sept. 13. An extension of time can be secured at Philadelphia, until Sept. 30. Account National G. A. R. encampment.

Ovid.

Mrs. Frank Wiedman and little son are visiting at the home of Isaac Drake and wife—Miss Mabel Gunn, who has been spending some time with friends in Baldwin, has returned to her home in Ovid—Mrs. Jenks is spending a few days with relatives in Owosso—Dr. M. M. Martin, pastor of the Congregational church, takes August for his vacation month. He and his son, Mellen will spend the first of this month at Lake Side on Lake Michigan—V. Bennett, of New Orleans, La., is visiting friends in Ovid—Messrs. H. M. High, F. A. Marshall, and their families expect to leave next Monday for a few week's outing at Skegemog, Mich.—Mrs. Jane Dunlap is visiting friends in Detroit this week—S. F. Pearl left last Saturday for Bay View, where he will spend a short time—Mrs. Curtis and two daughters returned Tuesday from Bay View, where they have been spending a few weeks—Mrs. Hutchinson and family, of Greenville, are moving into the McCarthy house, and expect to make Ovid their home—Mrs. Vieth, of Meadville Pennsylvania, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Robson, of this place—Mrs. S. W. Rose has returned from a visit with friends in New York—The people of the Baptist society held their annual picnic yesterday in Jenk's grove, south of town.

Lennon.

Mrs. Wm. Hughes and daughter are on the sick list—Chris. Ganssley, of Durand, spent Sunday with friends here—The foundation of the new M. E. church is nearly completed—Mrs. Frank Donahue, of Lansing, is visiting relatives in and around Lennon—Mr. and Mrs. John Niles, of Byron, are guests at the home of Frank Hamilton—Wm. White left Tuesday to visit his sister, Mrs. Clarence Moore, in Deming, New Mexico—A game of ball was played here Sunday between the Venice and Lennon teams. Score 15 to 2 in favor of Lennon—Mrs. Jinks, of Stillwater, Minn., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. White, returned to her home Tuesday—Frank Brackett and his father, S. F. Brackett, spent a portion of last week with Mr. Brackett's son, George, at Cleveland, Ohio—Sheriff Scougale was in the village Tuesday looking after parties who are trying to evade the law in regard to the cutting of Canada thistles—Agent Chatters was in Durand Sunday being examined on the standard train order rules which are soon to go into effect all over the Grand Trunk system—Mrs. Fred Ganssley died at her home Tuesday morning, aged 48 years. Mrs. Ganssley was taken sick about ten days ago and in spite of all that medical skill could do for her she gradually grew worse until death came to her relief. Mrs. Ganssley came to this township with her husband shortly after their marriage 26 years ago and have resided on their farm with her husband, one mile south of this village ever since. She was a member of the M. E. church here and was a woman of many sterling qualities and beloved by all who knew her. Her remains were laid to rest in the Venice cemetery yesterday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. B. Goldsmith. The deceased is survived by her husband, three sons, Ernest, Frank and Elmer and a daughter, Minnie.

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